

City of San Diego Development Services and Planning Departments

July-August

RECOGNITION

City, Port District get Governor's Historic Preservation Award

'Quieter Home Program' to hush plane noise, retain neighborhood history

The "Ouieter Home Program" developed by the San Diego Unified Port District and the City of San Diego's Historical Resources Board has received Governor's Historic Preservation Award for 2001.

The program, designed to soundproof homes affected by noise from the San Diego International Airport, received the award for architectural preservation while providing sound insulation for noise-impacted

This prestigious award is the official preservation award presented by the State of California in recognition of outstanding achievements in historic preservation.

"The San Diego Historical Resources Board is honored to be selected for this award," said Dr. Lynne Christenson, Historic Resources Board Vice-Chair.

"The Board appreciates the community's and affected

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Holidays

Offices Will Be Closed

Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day **Legal Holiday**

Monday, Sept. 3 Labor Day Legal Holiday

Reminder

Inspections are available after 3:30 p.m. weekdays and on weekends. Call (858) 492-5070 to schedule.

New tracking system rollout begins; will run from concept to completion

Eliminates multiple systems, documents history

A new project-tracking computer system promising smother, simpler processing for customers is being phased in over the next few months by the Development Services Department.

The new system will be used to track all phases of a project,

from concept to completion, and will result in the elimination several other computer systems, which were used just to track one portion of a project's life.

The first phase of the system is being rolled out this summer. Customers submitting plans through Project Management being will be the first affected.

Later this summer, the system will be expanded to handle all appointment scheduling for Development Services.

The new system, which began its rollout June 18, captures information — including name, address and telephone number when a customer first checks in or makes an appointment.

Customers are also asked for their preferred mode of communication for items such as notices that plans are ready for pickup. The new tracking system can send notices by e-mail, fax or U.S. mail.

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Residential vacancy rate below 5 percent for fourth straight year

Companion units allowed in some areas outside coastal zone

cancy rate staying below 5 per- as a result of 1997's vacancy rate cent in 2000.

The City Council and Plan- cording to commercial sources. ning Commission gave the offi-Companion units are still al- cial certification in March, con- units may be allowed in singlelowed in many parts of the city tinuing changes in some re-family residential zones outside as a result of the apartment va-quirements that began in 1998

dropping below 5 percent, ac-

The rate means companion

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BUDGET

City Council approves expansion of fire code plan check, inspection staff in new fiscal year

Other staffing is 'status quo' as new development growth levels off

proved an addition of 7.5 staff staff to 17. positions to the fire plan check

which began July 1.

"Positions have not been

ation of \$800 million in permits and reduce overtime." The new positions, which are issued," said Tina Christiansen, paid for through the city's Gen- Development Servicess Depart- Services Department's budget is eral Fund, will bring the total ment director. "That compares funded through fees charged The City Council has ap- fire plan check and inspection to \$1.8 million in valuation dur- for plan review and inspection. ing the current year.

The rest of the Development

"This will allow us to provide "The mayor and City Coun- the service levels our customers and inspection program as part added to this division's budget cil have approved a budget that need in the fire plan review and of the 2002 fiscal year budget, since 1994, when we had a valu- will allow us to staff adequately inspection process," she said. 📾

Award

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property owners early concerns with the protection of historical resources."

Christianson also praised the Port of San Diego staff and its consultants.

"They developed historical studies and solutions that will work to preserve the city's cultural heritage while providing much needed 'peace and quiet' to residents impacted by airport operations," he said.

Board members have been working with the Port District, operators of Lindbergh Field, for more than two years on a way to soundproof homes without having impacts on historical resources.

The historical fabric of the Lindbergh Field neighborhoods is being maintained with the program.

The Uptown and Loma Portal neighborhoods have important historic resources, including early 20th century Victorian, Craftsman, Spanish Colonial and Art Deco homes.

The program's development involved board members, community representatives and city staff. They assisted the Port and its consultants with the development of the program, guidelines for construction, manufacturer's resources and early reviews that streamlined the process.

Lead agency Port of San Diego also worked with the State

Historic Preservation Officer and the Federal Aviation Administration to devise effective noise insulation treatments which would not alter the historical architectural significance of the homes.

Soundproofing measures include window

treatments that would effectively reduce noise while preserving the historic fabric of the community.

Representatives of the agencies receiving the award will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sacramento with Governor Gray

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

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TRAINING

'Crime Prevention Through Design' class continues

Learn how to make your next development a crime-reducer, improve quality of life

Free classes on how to design projects to be more crime-free are available at the Regional Community Policing Institute-San Diego.

The four-hour Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design class reviews the physical structure of buildings, examining environmental and structural barriers for safety and reduction of crime.

Property owners and managers, community group members, law enforcement officials and business owners are invited to attend.

Four design and usage concepts are explained that can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime. Quality of life also im-

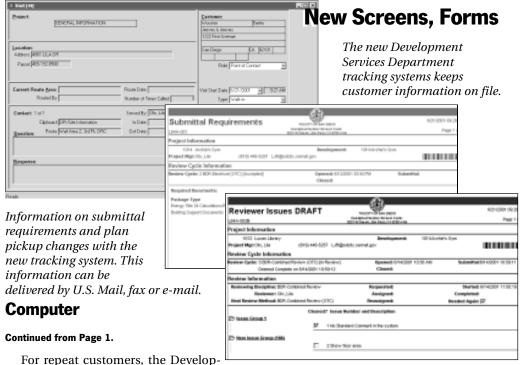
proves for residents and users of the property.

Videos, slides and lectures are followed by a hands-on group exercise, allowing participants to apply the principles they've learned.

The next class is scheduled from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, at the former Naval Training Center, 2820 Roosevelt Road, Suite A, Building 201.

Future classes are scheduled in October, and February and April 2002.

For more information, or to register, call (619) 531-2554, or visit the web site at



For repeat customers, the Development Services Department will have this information on file after the first visit.

In addition to the new customer information, several letters and forms customers receive have changed.

The new notices are used for functions such as plan submittal, when reviewer comments are

made and when plans are ready for pickup. This type of information can be delivered to customers by standard mail, e-mail or fax, based on information on the customer database.

If you have any questions on the new system, please ask a staff member. \blacksquare

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of the coastal zone and agriculturally zoned properties outside the Future Urbanizing Area.

Issues evaluated during the planning review include: physical site requirements of the companion unit regulations; conditions of occu-

pancy of the companion and primary units; ensuring companion units do not become more than 5 percent of the single dwelling unit housing stock in the community; that there are adequate public facilities in the community.

For more information, call (619) 446-5000.

Art Buxbaum, city's combination inspection chief, dies

Art Buxbaum, the Development Services Department's

Chief of Combination Inspection since 1989, passed away July 15, 2001 following a 10-year bout with cancer.



Buxbaum

Buxbaum helped train and organize the Combination Inspection Division in the department, which inspects all trades in single-family and duplex residential projects. It is considered a model inspection program and has been studied and copied by building departments around the world.

A leader in the construction-inspection field, Buxbaum served on several statewide code committees and had been an active voice in the International Conference of Building Officials and International Association of Electrical Inspectors. At the time of his death, he was International Vice President of IAEI and would have been International President in 2004.

Buxbaum joined the City of San Diego following 27 years with the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. With Los Angeles, Buxbaum was considered the city's "high rise expert," and was active in investigating effects of the 1971 Sylmar earthquake on structures throughout the city, as well as serving as an electrical inspector, fire and life safety inspector and Senior Electrical Inspector.

Born in New York City, Buxbaum was on his own at age 14 and had such varied jobs as farm hand, resort lifeguard, subway maintenance electrician and electrical contractor. During World War II, he served in the Navy.

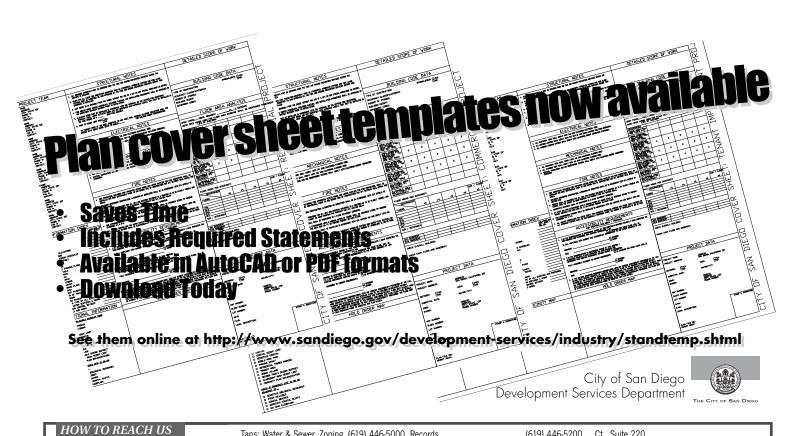
He is survived by two sons and three grandchildren. Services were held July 21. ⋒



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